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S E C R E T AMMAN 7340

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRINCESS BASMAH'S VISIT TO THE U.S.

1. PRINCESS BASMAH (KING HUSSEIN'S ONLY SISTER) CALLED CHARGE DEC 13 TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH A PRIVATE TRIP SHE IS PLANNING TO THE U.S. ON DECEMBER 17, TO LAST ABOUT A WEEK. SHE INDICATED THAT KING HUSSEIN IS AWARE OF HER PLANS.

2. PRINCESS BASMAH SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT HAVE SOMEONE MEET HER FLIGHT AT NEW YORK (KLM 643 AMSTERDAM-NEW YORK, ARRIVING KENNEDY AIRPORT 1915 FRIDAY, DEC 17) AND TO ASSIST HER THROUGH CUSTOMS, ETC. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE VIP TREATMENT AND MINIMUM CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES, ETC. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WILL BE STAYING AT WALDORF.

3. PRINCESS ALSO SAID THAT HER HUSBAND, MAJOR TAYMUR

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DAGHISTANI (WHO IS ON A U.S. -SPONSORED MILITARY COURSE AT

FT. KNOX, KENTUCKY) WILL ALSO MEET HER. SHE REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIM AND COORDINATE DETAILS OF HER ARRIVAL WITH HIM. HE CAN BE REACHED AT FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBER IN HIS ROOM AT FT. KNOX: AREA CODE 502-524-1577, PREFERABLY EARLY IN THE MORNING PRIOR TO HIS CLASSES.

4. CHARGE ASKED IF PRINCESS WISHED TO INFORM JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR SALAH AND HER DESIRES REGARDING SECURITY PROTECTION. IN REPLY SHE EMPHASIZED SHE DID NOT WANT TO "CAUSE A FUSS. THAT HER VISIT IS AN INFORMAL ONE AND THAT SHE WISHES IT TO BE AS PRIVATE AS POSSIBLE. SHE ALSO SAID THAT THE JORDANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE GEN SHAFIQ JUMEAN HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND SHE THEREFORE ASSUMES THAT AMBASSADOR SALAH WILL BE AWARE OF HER VISIT, BUT SHE DID NOT WISH TO UNDULY INCONVENIENCE JORDANIAN EMBASSY TO MEET HER IN NEW YORK.

5. AS TO SECURITY, PRINCESS MAIN CONCERN APPEARED TO BE THAT ANY SECURITY NOT DISRUPT HER DESIRES FOR A VERY PRIVATE VISIT AND REUNION WITH HER HUSBAND.

6. CHARGE INDICATED HE WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON OF HER PLANS AND CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BEFORE HER DEPARTURE FROM JORDAN ON THURSDAY, DEC 16. SHE WAS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS FOR CONFIRMATION THAT COORDINATION HAD BEEN INITIATED WITH HER HUSBAND MAJOR DAGHESTANI.

7. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE AND SECURITY (PARTICULARLY DURING NEW YORK PORTION OF VISIT) IT WOULD NORMALLY PROVIDE TO A PERSON OF PRINCESS BASMAH'S RANK ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE U.S. SINCE PRINCESS SEEMED LUKEWARM ABOUT IDEA OF SECURITY (MAINLY BECAUSE OF ITS OBTRUSIVENESS) AND ABOUT INFORMING JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO WORK OUT VISIT ARRANGEMENTS TO SATISFACTION OF MAJOR DAGHESTANI (WHO WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT JORDANIAN EMBASSY) AND THEN INFORM US SO WE CAN RELAY INFORMATION TO PRINCESS BASMAH.

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9. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE PRIOR TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.  
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